

Question #1 from committee member Lott:

- 1) *The proposal mentions two surgical technology educational facilities in Nebraska. A letter from Robert Frey indicates Western Nebraska Community College in Scottsbluff, NE also has a surgical technology program. Why is the applicant group omitting this facility from their list?*

The surgical technology program at Western Nebraska Community College in Scottsbluff, NE is currently not accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) or the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES) which are the two bodies that accredit surgical technology programs nationally. The applicant group did not identify this program in the initial application as the program is currently not accredited. This program is currently in the process of achieving accreditation and have enrolled students. You will find a letter from their program director, Rob Frey, attached that further describes where the program is at in the accreditation process and when they plan to achieve final accreditation.